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**FIREMAN'S BALL SUCCESS**  
6TH Annual Affair  
Features Gigantic

Floor Show  
Dot Gleason's Band  
Performs

Aug. 11-- The 6th annual Chatham Fireman's Ball held here today was a great success. The floor show beginning at 10 o'clock and lasting till 12 o'clock was the high light of the continued on page 3

**DEAN TARBELL SPEAKS**

Arthur W. Tarbell author of "Cape Cod Ahoy" addressed a group at the Universalist Church on the night of August 14th on "The Cape." Many interesting stories on early Cape Cod featured Dean Tarbell's talk. The lecture was illustrated by colored pictures. An offering was taken. Professor Bodan will speak next Monday and two weeks after Professor Elizabeth Reynard.

**-Fire-**

The Fire Department was roused early from their beds on the morning after their Ball continued col. 3

**MARINE COLUMN**

A team race was held August 9th, again Stage Harbor came out on top with twenty seven points to Harwichport's twenty five. The Edgartown and Nantucket regattas, successes. Everybody enjoyed them immensely. Jack Place has gone cruising and is now in Cohasset bound for Marblehead. The ladies crew which raced at Hyannis consisted of, Captain Betty Wright, Connie Mather, Molly Mather, Laura Cobb and Ellen Fuller alternating. The crew came out last, but better luck next time. Landon Humphreys is supervising the steps which are being built from the S.H. clubhouse to the beach. The steward, David Baatz was assisting when as he walked backwards he stepped on a rusty nail, and was rushed to Dr. Hopkins. He is able to use his foot now. Mr. and Mrs. MacLay have been visiting in Nova Scotia and returned August 14th. Ellen Fuller, Marine Editor.

**PILGRIMAGE TO OLD HOUSES SET FOR AUGUST**

22nd  
6 Houses To Be Visited this year

The annual pilgrimage to old houses in Chatham conducted by The Chatham Congregational Club will be held on the afternoon of August 22nd from 2 o'clock until 5:30 p.m. continued page 3.

**QUARTET FROM BOSTON SYMPHONY TO PERFORM---**

A string quartet from the Boston Symphony Orchestra will play in Chatham at the Methodist Church on August 17th. This is the first time that Chatham has had the privilege of hearing a group from this world renowned orchestra and advanced ticket sales are very promising.

**-Fire-**

continued from col. 1 to extinguish a grass fire near the residents of Sarah Wing on Atwood Street, at 11 o'clock in the morning. The department put out the blaze with little damage.

## THE CHATHAM CHATTER

## EDITORIAL

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We Suggest

The Chatter wishes to go on record as favoring a fisherman's Cat-about race like the one held on the Fourth of July, on Labor Day at the S.E.Y.C. Races.

We have nothing but praise for the Selectmens action for a slow water area in Stage Harbor. Conditions have improved greatly.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad is attempting to leave its responsibility to citizens on Cape Cod and flee to happier hunting grounds. In fact at the present time it has taken legal action in attempting to discharge its obligations. However we believe the New Haven's case should be scrutinized. According to them they are losing money and that the old Colony railroad does not make both ends meet. But why does the old colony lose money? We are sure it is from lack of proper management.

All public service carriers have an obligation to the citizens in the locality they operate in. The New Haven is attempting to leave their's. The New Haven which would probably be the first to oppose government ownership of the railways is forcing it because of lack of responsibility to the public.

Residents on Cape Cod should not stand for such a gross violation of their rights. The New Haven has no right to leave Cape Cod without proper transportation facilities and still continue its role as a public service carrier.

If a railroad wishes to operate it must take the good and the bad but the New Haven wishes to take only the good and run from anything that is not plum pudding. We will know more about the New Haven's financial conditions after the investigation is over with but there are broad rumors that the old Colony is carrying more than a fair share of the tremendous expenses of the South Station in Boston. Cape Cod should not stand for this attempt by a supposed public service to just plain RUN AWAY.



## Items of Interest

The Mon onoy Theatre production this week is "Coquette" by George Abbott and Ann Bridges

Mutiny on The Bounty the famous Movie Picture and book will play at the Chatham Theatre soon.

Joseph C. Lincoln autographed his new book "The Ownley Inn" at the Chatham Book Shop on the 14th.

The Carnival sponsored by the American Legion was held a few weeks ago on the circus grounds.

## Musical Notes

Justin Lawrie tenor presented a program of songs on Tuesday Aug. 8th at the M.E. Church.

The Chatham Band presented its regular Friday night program on August 11th. There were many requests for encores and "The everybody sing" was a hit as usual.

## Sale

The Congregational Ladies Aid Society will hold their annual sale on Wednesday the 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the house next to Blackman's. A variety of articles will be on sale including handiwork, cakes, and other articles.

## Items

The Gilbert and Sullivan production Pinafore is being produced in Orleans at the Greenwood Theatre. There will be a show on this Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and the last show will be on Thursday the 24th at the usual time.

Remember the Barnstable Fair on August 24, 25, and 26th. August 25 will be youth day with several athletic events on schedule. We urge all to attend.

## DR. LAW TO ADDRESS LYCEUM

Dr. Frederick H. Law noted author and world traveler will address the Chatham Lyceum at the Congregational Church on August 20th. Dr. Law will speak on "Odd Places I Have Visited". There will also be a musical program. The week before last Dr. Tehyi Hsieh addressed the Lyceum. He gave the audience an interesting con. col. 3

## Flower Show

July 15th- The flower show of the Chatham Garden Club was held at the Chatham Beach Club. Mrs. Loomis Johnson and her hard working committee have arranged elaborate decorations and it is hoped that this one will surpass past show.

## Nets Pulled Up

Crowell's, Parker's and Gould's fishing companies are busy hauling up their nets and weirs. Many of the nets are being repaired and weirs hauled up. ~~PERMANENT FISH SCHOOLS~~ continued from page 1 Ball. Dot Gleason's all girl Band furnished the music while the Firemen dressed in their red and white uniforms and their guests enjoyed a delightful evening of dancing.

PILGRIMAGE TO OLD HOUSES SET FOR AUG. 22 continued from page 1 The houses to be visited are: The Atkins Homestead, The Home of Dean and Mrs. Wallace B. Donham, the Home of Professor and Mrs. S.B. Hemingway, Mr. and Mrs. D. Edgar Manson house, The "Bee Hive" residents of Mrs. J. A. Sparrow. Tea will be served at the Church. Tickets are one dollar and the tour may be started from either the church or the 6 houses mentioned. Route sheets will be furnished.

## DR. LAW TO ADDRESS LYCEUM

continued from col. 2 discussion on Chinese problems and shops at length of the industrial cooperative which are being established in China.

Chatham's Telephone Exchange Visited--9-11 a.m. Hectic Hours  
Reporter Finds

By L.B. Gilbert

Chatham's ever busy telephone exchange has its hectic hours from 9 to 11 each day when housewives are ordering and making plans for the day operators explained to the author amid a mass of wires. The switch board which has at least two sometimes three operators is a mass of wires where sometimes thirty connections will be made in 3 minutes we estimated as call after call came in and was connected. Also we noted with great interest the distance between the Chatter number and a frequently called number would take almost a Glen Cunningham to reach across the switch board, these are only a few of the operators problems. All long distance calls except those to Orleans and Harwich are handled at Hyannis therefore operators could not estimate their number. The new switch board has solved many of the old problems for operators but others still remain, to make a three-way connection it is necessary to use an empty telephone so that the operator may ring and connect the numbers. A community service that the exchange renders is its assistance to the fire department of the town. When a report of a fire is phoned in, it was explained, the Fire Chief and Elmerodge's Garage are immediately contacted then the alarm is rung. The old system required the ringer to press a button and count the number of alarms however the new alarm system recently installed is much simpler a disc is placed on a revolving cylinder the number of calls varying with which disc is placed on or the size of the disc. The telephone service is maintained 24 hours a day 365 days a year at

at night however one operator works the whole switch board but most calls cease at 10:30 or 11 P.M. at night. The telephone building contains in it hundreds of connections and a generator and batteries. An operators job is no bed of roses we concluded. The other part of the telephone service the repair department works with the office in keeping the service up to 100%. Repair men explained to us how telephone batteries in the grocery stores in town often have to be replaced every year because of the frequent use of them. The repair truck which covers Orleans, Harwich and Chatham is so well equipped that a telephone may be installed without returning to the home office. Shelves of materials are kept in order in the repair truck. Of interest to many is probably the way the repairmen are protected from the electric light wires which often are next to the telephone wires. Rubber gloves which are carefully tested every month protect the linesmen from shock. The telephone wires however are not dangerous. And so ended our visit with the Telephone Company.

THE CHATHAM CHATTER INTERVIEWS MISS SWITZER ASSISTANT TO PAUL McNUTT  
Interview By Frank B. Gilbert  
Paul McNutt is Federal Security Administrator and he has been mentioned as a candidate for the presidency in 1940. The text of the interview follows: He was the former Governor of Indiana and just came from the Post of High Commissioner of the Phillipines. He thinks the U.S. should keep the Phillipines because of its valuable mineral resources. He believes strongly that help should be given to political refugees, con. page 5



THE CHATHAM CHATTER INTERVIEW MISS MARY SWITZER ASSISTANT TO PAUL MONULT  
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He thinks that the government ought to try to help the unemployed to find more jobs. He believes very strongly in the Welfare Division and thinks it should be considered a more important part of the government and should receive more attention.

He believes very strongly in public health and thinks there should be medical care for the poor and better general medical care. He thinks that there should be more help to young children and to the old and sick children.

#### Yachts Adopt Radio

This season there has developed a number of radio telephone stations aboard small yachts.

These Yacht sets operate similar to two way police radio stations. They transmit on 2100 kilocycles to Boston Coastal Telephone Station from where their call is connected with any place in the world where any telephone subscriber ashore could contact.

They also transmit on 2670 kilocycles during times of emergency or distress when they need services of coast guard. Monomoy Point Coast Guard Station has equipment able to work with such yachts.

Their most popular band is 2738 kilocycles known as ship-to-ship where the yachts intercommunicate with each other.

Three yachts are now in this immediate area with such equipment. They are WCLT Auxiliary Sloop Zodiac and WCRG Motor Yacht Dornier berthed in Weymouth Harbor. The most powerful one is WCUK Yacht Bettina based in Stage Harbor.

Samuel Freedman of Chatham has aided these Yachtsmen on matters of frequency adjustment and licensing of operators for same. Recent communications by these yachts have extended from Chesapeake Bay all the way to Booth Bay Maine while the yachts were in port at Chatham or Harwichport. In view of the limited space they allot for antennas, these ranges are considered excellent but does not compare of course with the precision and accuracy that radio telegraph communication affords through bad as well as good radio conditions.

The principal obstacles met by yachtsmen is congested channels, and static condition during summer. Otherwise these sets are highly useful for keeping contact with shore, other vessels or to summon aid.

Samuel Freedman.

#### THE EUROPEAN SITUATION

The European Situation at this time is very critical because Germany is just about to pounce on Danzig, which will give her another big seaport and almost connect her possessions. Poland will probably have to back down on Danzig.. I congratulate her on holding out so long. Germany is also having some trouble in the Tyrolean region. Shall Germany annex the Tyrolean or not and will Italy let her. One of the worst troubles in Europe is the French-Spain affair. Italy is getting ridiculous demanding so many territories. The territories are : Corsica, Savoy, and Nice, Tunis and French Somaliland. Why should France give the territory? Her most important is Tunis. If Italy gets that, it would mean a blockade of France. I'M WITH YOU FRANCE. F.L. GILBERT.



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# Chatham

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SYLVESTER Q. QUESTER

We Believe It Is Not Generally Known



Dr. Carol V. Wight, erstwhile instructor of Greek at Johns Hopkins University, poet, linguist and philosopher, is a self-taught master carpenter and as such made a significant contribution this winter, towards the construction of his son Fritz's self-designed house on Stage Harbor Road-The road leading to Professor Elizabeth Reynard's residence opposite Harding's Beach bearing the picturesque and attractive name- Moon Penny Lane- is the longest and finest private road recently built through a virgin forest of native pine - The largest patch of trimmed and untrimmed scotch pine is located in L. Skunk's Neck near Milk Weed Hollow- Yale is conspicuously represented among Chatham's permanent summer residents, by its President- temporarily absent this season- and two of its prominent officials- Miss Edith Sears of Sears Point has just cut a path through the large pine forest at the upper end of Cedar Street-Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. MacLay have for the first time in years torn themselves from Chatham for an extended visit with friends in Nova Scotia- Samuel E. Durand's fine yacht which always looks so ship-shape was built two years ago at a cost to the purchaser reported to be \$40,000- The oysters brought to Chatham for ripening and fattening do so in a comparatively short time- from the non R to the R months, so rich in food values are Oyster River and Chatham's other waters- Tommy Fuller, has not been in Chatham this summer because due to his high scholastic standing he is now an Ensign one of the few chosen without preliminary training at Annapolis- Sorrel, the weed with a tangy taste which abounds in Chatham's gardens may yet prove a blessing, for it can by simple cooking in water and the addition of milk or cream be made into a soup- which so help us- we have actually tasted and seen eaten with relish- The protest meetings which as a rule follow every hotly contested race held by the Stage Harbor Yacht Club creates a spectacle no resident or visitor to Chatham can afford to miss, they should be dropped in on every now and then- Two distinguished jurists have visited Chatham recently- Justice Frankfurter of the Supreme Court of the United States and Judge Lehman, associate Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York and in all human probability its next Chief Judge- And finally that our annual guessing match has just concluded for Paul Raushenbush we are pleased to announce will be with us around the 19th. (continued on next page)





## CHATHAM'S BAND LEADER

Carl E. Anderson can be seen in season and out at the office of Bearse's Garage quietly, unobtrusively, and effectively carrying on in that important executive position he holds in one of the Cape's largest automobile organizations- the Ford agency for this section. Mention or talk music to him and for the moment forgetful of automobiles- their sale and travail and for that matter all else- he becomes the musician, the lover of music, the town's band leader!

We rather doubt whether Toscaninni, Bodansky, Kousevitzky, and other great conductors in their musical orbits get so many more thrills at the baton than his leadership of the band, gives Carl Anderson, when in spotlessly white uniform or that intriguing affair that he wore on masquerade night one evening last season - he leads the town band.

To Mr. Anderson's deep interest in music, imagination, energy, forceful and stimulating leadership we owe in a great measure the variety- color and pronouncedly increased effectiveness of the band. All of this made possible, to cite several examples, the costume night of last season, Community singing by the spectators and that program of college songs on August 4th which in spite of the rain drew a large and almost normal audience and demands for encore after encore of some of the numbers.

In extending our and the Chatter's congratulations to him and the members of the band on their accomplishment. May we add, such is our faith in his leadership, we believe he has but scratched the surface of the band's and the town's musical possibilities. Perhaps strings, wood winds and other instruments may yet join and leaven the personnel of the band and make the rendering of symphonies and other great music possible. A musician with Anderson's latent abilities may even accomplish all of this with native music material. Perhaps inspired by the progress of the band some of Chatham's summer visitors may be sufficiently attracted to join the band for an occasional performance- to mention one or two possibilities the future holds in store musically for Chatham.

Here is something new

In West Chatham there is a two story structure in which a pair of doors from an old auto are put to a truly original use. For of all the uses to which the doors of a discarded auto could possibly be put to, we doubt whether they have often been thought of as substitutes for windows and window frames. Yet at that place two such doors built into a building function perfectly and these novel windows are opened and shut by a crank handle, just as they werewhen a part of the discarded car.

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Last year when the Mononoy Yacht Club blossomed forth

it was felt by many, as each club catered to a special yachting need their objectives need not and would not clash and both could function side by side in Chatham. It is to the lasting credit of the membership and the officers of the clubs that the intervening period has proven this to be so true in actual practice, it is almost commonplace to speak of it now. In our opinion credit is due equally to both clubs for making this happy condition a reality. (con. next page)



Sylvester Q. Quester(continued)

which reminds us of the story about the man who after seeing the King and Queen said, "I feel like giving three cheers for the King and four for the Queen."

Lastly

May we acknowledge with highly appreciative thanks the expressions of approval which have reached us over the all too few lines we recently dedicated to the memory of Mack Maclay. S.Q.Q

#### NAVAL BALL SUCCESSFUL

The Second Annual Naval Reserve Ball was a success both for Unit Five and for Dependents of the Submarine Squalus Victims.

The Gross receipts were approximately \$483, while net receipts were about \$270. Final exact figures are now being prepared.

Expenses were \$213. Receipts were \$483.

The first expenditure made was the sending of a \$50 check to the Commandant First Naval District with explanation of the manner it was raised and intention of use; namely to aid Dependents of the 26 men drowned on Submarine Squalus May 23rd.

Wednesday August 16th Unit 5 especially convened at the Naval Air Station Base to complete its accounting and decide how best to utilize the funds raised. It will not be possible to accomplish every thing the Unit hoped to do but an important part will be achieved. Samuel Freedman

#### Items

An air meet will be held at the Hyannis Airport on August 19th and 20th. Parachute jumping and stunt flying will be included in the exhibition. Airport officials promise a bigger and better show this year.

A victrola so fancy that we can not describe it has been furnishing music in front of Emory's Bowling Alley.

#### Book Review

##### Eastward Ho

August 23rd is the date for a book review by Mrs. Alice D. Bond at the Eastward Ho Country Club House. Tea will be served and an admission fee will be charged.

#### Building At The Fair

##### Consolidated Edison Co.

The Consolidated Edison is one of the best concessions at the Fair. The most known part of it is the City of Light. They show a part of N.Y. at night. Also show what most N.Y. people do at night. They show what would happen if a thunder storm would occur at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It is a grand show and doesn't take long to see it. Frank B. Gilbert

#### Sea Scout News

The Sea Scouts are preparing to launch their new sailing surf boat this week.

On the 29th the annual Beach Party of the Sea Scouts will be held on Harding Beach.

The Troop is participating in the celebration of the Centennial at Sandwich on the 21st. The annual Street Fair of the Young Peoples Society of the M.E. Church will be held on the 18th from 2 to 12.



